

Remarks

According to the Restriction Requirement, election of one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claim 1 drawn to products of the formula (I), classified in various subclasses of classes 544, 546, and 548.
- II. Claim 2 drawn to processes for the preparation of the products of the formula (I), classified in various subclasses of classes 544, 546 and 548.
- III. Claims 3 and 4 are drawn to processes for preparing polymers of the product of the formula (I), classified in various subclasses of class 424.
- IV. Claims 5-7 drawn to polymers, classified in various subclasses of class 424.

Applicants elect Group 1, with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement. Under 35 U.S.C. § 121 an application may properly be required to be restricted to one of two or more claimed inventions only if they are able to support separate patents and are independent and distinct inventions. See MPEP 803.

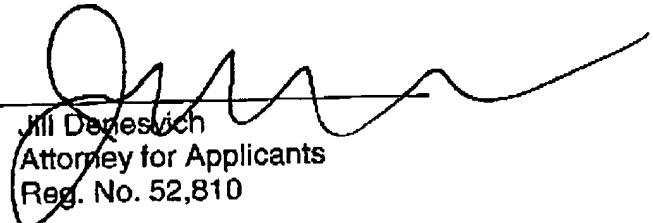
Applicants respectfully submit that if the search and examination of the entire application can be made **without serious burden**, the Examiner must examine the application on its merits, even though it includes claims to independent and distinct inventions. See MPEP 803.

Claim 1 is directed to a compound of formula (I). Applicants respectfully submit that a single search encompassing Group 1 and directed to the claimed compound would encompass a process for preparing the compound of formula (I) and process using the compound of formula (I). Also, Applicants submit that any additional search would not entail any "serious burden" on the Examiner, as the compound of formula (I) is the essential element to all Groups. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement from Groups I-IV.

The Office Action further requires election of a single compound of polymer for search purposes. Applicants herein elect the compound 1) disclosed on page

10, lines 1-4 of the present invention, 3-chloro-2-butenyl 1*H*-pyrrole-1-carbodithioate, ie., where R is a halogen-substituted alkenyl radical and Z is an unsubstituted heterocyclic radical.

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